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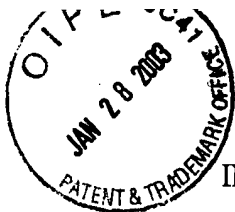
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Art Unit : 1731

Examiner : Christopher A. Fiorilla

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125-03**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments below and the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 40-44.

REMARKS**I. Disposition of the Claims**

Claims 1-39 and 45-50 are pending in this application.

II. Restriction and Election of Species**A. Restriction requirement between distinct inventions**

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-39 and 45-50, drawn to a method, classified in class 65, subclass 391.

Group II: Claims 40-44, drawn to a feedstock, classified in class 558, subclass 303.

Applicants elect the claims in Group I without traverse and have cancelled the claims in Group II. It should be noted that the Office Action as originally written did not list claims 28-34

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